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Yume no Kodomo
(Child of Dreams)
★FINAL STEP★

Due to the changing circumstances in his sister Senko's job, Youji starts living together with Akishima Ren. At the beginning little love is lost between them, as Ren does nothing but sarcastically criticise the novelist Misaki Rena, whom Youji has always admired. Imagine Youji's surprise when he finds out "Misaki Rena" used to be Ren's old pen name! Little by little, the two of them begin to understand each other better...

Then one day Ren's old lover, Hirose Takuya, appears. Despite being married now, Hirose insists that he's "still in love" with Ren, and starts pursuing him once more! Seeing Ren's struggle, Youji confronts Hirose. But instead, Hirose challenges him back, and makes Youji realise his feelings for Ren.

When Youji tells Ren that he likes him, Ren disappears, leaving Youji and Hirose behind, both sick with worry. But when Ren returns, something about him has changed. A lot calmer and stronger than before, Ren goes to Hirose to make a clean break. Seeing this new side to Ren, Youji falls for him even more, and thoughts of Ren fill his head both day and night. One night, a dream of Ren causes his body to react much to his embarrassment. He tries to hide it, but Ren, who's had a few drinks, has other ideas. The next day, Youji tells Ren again that he likes him, deciding that he won't give up as long as there's a chance Ren might like him back some day.

Ren, having been burnt badly by love before, doesn't really trust Youji's feelings, thinking it's just misguided sympathy on the boy's part. And yet, he finds it extremely difficult to reject the warmth and comfort that Youji offers. In a bid to break away from him, Ren starts sleeping around with his partners of old again. Realising this is Ren's way of keeping him at a distance, Youji risks it all, telling Ren that he wants him... which leads to the final line being crossed!

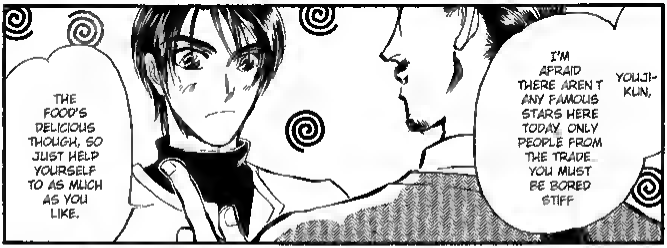
Akishima Ren

Used to be a novelist, now only working as a freelance writer. Had several hits in his writing under the pen name Misaki Rena.

Takanashi Youji

Youji is in his second year of high school and an expert at Pilates work. He's currently living at Ren's house. He's a big fan of the novelist Misaki Rena. Loves Ren!!

HEY THERE!
YOU MADE IT.
QUITE A SUCCESSFUL TURNOUT, ISN'T IT?
YEAH EVEN MADAM SUGIHARA'S HERE.
CAN YOU INTRODUCE ME TO HER LATER?
YES, OF COURSE


YOUJI-KUN,
I'M AFRAID THERE AREN'T ANY FAMOUS STARS HERE TODAY. ONLY PEOPLE FROM THE TRADE. YOU MUST BE BORED STIFF
THE FOOD'S DELICIOUS THOUGH, SO JUST HELP YOURSELF TO AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE.

SURE!

YEAH
HE'S RIGHT, YOUJI
CAN YOU BRING ME BACK SOMETHING TOO?

LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING WELL WITH YOUJI-KUN.
SO IT WAS YOU, AFTER ALL.
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING TO EGG HIM ON?
ALL I DID WAS GIVE HIM SOME HINTS AS TO WHAT WAS NECESSARY BETWEEN YOU TWO
BUT I GUESS YOU'D SAY IT WAS UNCALLED FOR?
YEAH
THANKS TO YOU I'VE BEEN DRIVEN INTO A SITUATION FROM WHICH THERE S NO TURNING BACK
YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'VE ALREADY RESIGNED YOURSELF TO IT?
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO, IS THERE?
NO-THING EXCEPT TO GET SERIOUS WITH HIM

SOMEDAY, EVEN YOUJI'S GOING TO GROW UP
I'VE DECIDED I'M GOING TO STAY WITH HIM UNTIL THAT DAY COMES.
AS LONG AS HE STILL WANTS ME TO, THAT IS.
THERE'S SO MUCH FOOD, AND IT ALL LOOKS GREAT!
I COULDN'T DECIDE WHAT TO GET.
THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING FOR YOU
GIVE IT YOUR BEST.
Pat
Pat

Hmm
SHOULDN'T YOU BE JOINING THEM OVER THERE REN? THEY'RE ALL IMPORTANT PEOPLE, AREN'T THEY?
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
DO THEY ALWAYS DO THIS SORT OF THING WHEN THEY PUBLISH PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTIONS?
BUT THIS IS AMA-ZING!
NO, NOT USUALLY
IT'S JUST THAT ADACHI TAKASHI'S A PRETTY SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHER.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
I ACCEPTED THIS JOB UNDER THE CONDITION THAT I DON'T NEED TO MEET THEM FACE TO FACE.
REN-KUN!
THERE YOU ARE!
HUMMM.
THE STAR TODAY IS MISTER ADACHI
I'D RATHER TAKE THE BACKSEAT ON THIS

KATORI-KUN'S COME TOO HE'S OVER THERE
HE SAID HE WAS HOPING TO SEE YOU TODAY
SUGIHARA-SAN!
IT'S BEEN SO LONG! HOW'VE YOU BEEN?
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU.
OKAY
WAIT HERE FOR A MOMENT, YOUJI.
OH, ER, I MEAN AKISHIMA-SAN
MISAKI-SENSEI
KATORI-KUN, LOOK WHO I FOUND!
I'M GLAD I BUMPED INTO YOU HERE
I WAS THINKING ABOUT CONTACTING YOU ANYWAY.
DO YOU THINK IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE COULD ARRANGE ANOTHER MEETING?

WOW...
I REALLY FEEL OUT OF PLACE HERE
Chatter
Chatter
OF COURSE!
I CAN MAKE TIME WHENEVER YOU'D LIKE
WELL WELL, IF IT ISN'T YOUJI-KUN
SO YOU CAME TOO?
OH, GOOD EVENING!
YOU'RE SENKO-SAN'S LITTLE BROTHER, AREN'T YOU?
HIROSE -SAN

WHY? HOW RUDE.
I WAS INVITED OF COURSE
YOU MIGHT NOT THINK IT, BUT PUBLISHERS AND MOVIE COMPANIES HAVE STRONG CONNECTIONS
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
YOUJI
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT A SURPRISE I DID NOT EXPECT TO FIND YOU PRESENT TODAY. IT'S BEEN SO LONG
KAZUE-SAN YOU'RE LOOKING WELL.*
HI THERE

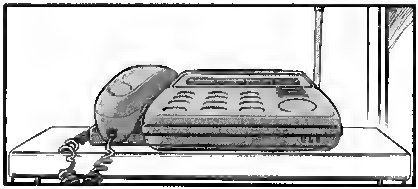
*TN Ren is using VERY polite (distant) Japanese usually reserved for people you don't know well

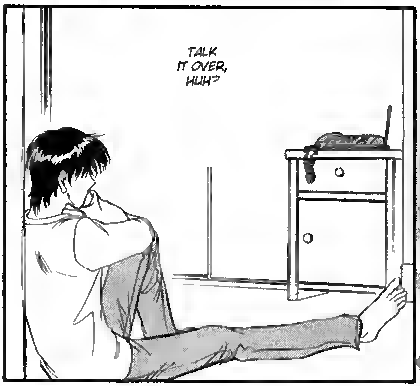
YOU SHOULD COME VISIT US AGAIN!
NEXT TIME I'D LOVE TO HAVE BOTH OF YOU COME.
YES, OF COURSE
SOME-TIME...
I'M RELIEVED YOU'RE GETTING ON WELL WITH YOUJI-KUN THEN?
YOU ARE TOO, REN
YES
THANK YOU FOR ASKING...
W-WELL
YOU KNOW...
WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING ALL WORRIED ABOUT...
YOUJI?
phew

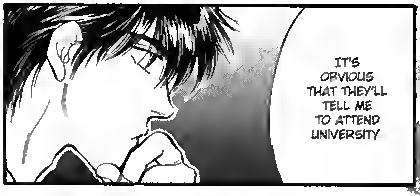
MUSS
THE FOOD'S GOOD, BUT YOU CAN'T RELAX HERE. CAN YOU?
LET'S GO AND GET SOMETHING TO EAT ON THE WAY HOME.
EH?
BUT... YOU STILL...
RIGHT
I'VE FULFILLED MY DUTY HERE
LET'S GO HOME.
OKAY!
clench

To all guardians
Student-Parent-Teacher Meeting Informa
I'LL HAVE NO MESSING AROUND LIKE THERE WAS WITH THE LAST QUESTIONNAIRE
GEH—
IN THIS MEETING, WE WILL DECIDE THE CLASSES YOU WILL TAKE ACCORDING TO YOUR CHOSEN ACADEMIC ROUTE
THAT'S ALL
SO PLEASE GIVE IT CAREFUL THOUGHT
clatter
clatter
clatter
WHAT AM I GONNA DO...?

HEY, TAKANASHI
YES?
UN... UNCLE!
DID YOU SAY?
I SEE... IT'LL BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO COME ALL THE WAY OVER FOR THE MEETING
WELL, I DON'T MIND DOING THEN IT BY LETTER OR PHONE
THEN AGAIN, YOU COULD ALWAYS COME WITH THE UNCLE YOU ARE LIVING WITH
YOUR PARENTS LIVE FAR AWAY, DON'T THEY?
WHERE ARE THEY AGAIN?
IN IWATE
SO THAT'S HOW NEE-CHAN MANAGED TO WRANGLE IT...
HE'S YOUR CURRENT GUARDIAN RIGHT?
WHATEVER YOU DECIDE, PLEASE TALK IT OVER CAREFULLY WITH YOUR PARENTS







I SEE, SO HE'S MY GUARDIAN

MY GUARDIAN

A STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER MEETING?
OH, YEAH
SENKO TOLD ME ABOUT THAT.
THEY ALL THINK YOU'RE MY UNCLE AND GUARDIAN ALREADY. ANYWAY
YEAH
LISTEN REN CAN YOU COME AND MAKE AN APPEARANCE?
ER... WELL YOU KNOW...
THAT'S JUST NOT HOW IT IS BETWEEN YOU AND ME.
WHAT?
YOU DON'T THINK I'M CUT OUT TO BE YOUR GUARDIAN?
SO I WAS THE ONLY ONE IN THE DARK ABOUT THIS?
THAT DAMN SENKO WHAT THE HELL WAS SHE THINKING?

I HAVE TIME FREE ON THIS DAY
BUT HAVE YOU DECIDED ON WHAT YOU WANT TO DO?
I DON'T MIND GOING,
ARGH DAMN
I CAN'T PUT IT INTO WORDS.
I MEAN, ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT I WANT TO BE TOLD THESE THINGS, TOO...
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST PHONE YOUR PARENTS, AND GET SOME ADVICE FROM THEM
I'M STILL THINKING IT THROUGH.
NAH, IT'S OKAY THEY'VE NEVER TAKEN AN INTEREST BEFORE, NO REASON WHY THEY WOULD NOW
IN THE END IT'S MY OWN DECISION TO MAKE ANYWAY...

...HM?
HEY, REN...
HEY WATCH IT!
THE TEA...
WHAT IS IT?
!
POUNCE

NO MATTER HOW OFTEN WE DO IT I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER BE USED TO IT
TALK ABOUT IMPULSIVE!
DON'T YOU EVEN THINK OF CREATING SOME KIND OF MOOD BEFORE JUMPING RIGHT IN?
OH, COME ON!, IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT I'M STILL INEXPERIENCED, OKAY?
DO I LOOK LIKE I COULD PLAN IT ALL OUT LIKE THAT?
STILL NOT USED TO IT, HUH?
NO I'M NOT

Zz
shut
HELLO IS THIS TAKANASHI-SAN?
THIS IS AKISHIMA
MY APOLOGIES FOR CALLING THIS LATE.
YES.
NO. NOTHING'S CHANGED WITH YOUJI

NOTHING'S CHANGED?
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'VE GOT THE NERVE TO LIE TO HIM LIKE THIS
BY THE WAY, THERE'S AN UPCOMING STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER MEETING
IT'S BEING HELD THE WEDNESDAY AFTER NEXT

YES.
I DON'T MIND GOING MYSELF
BUT WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER FOR YOU TO TALK TO YOUJI-KUN DIRECTLY?
No
I'm sure Youji can decide for himself
Please let him do as he wishes.
I SEE
YES.
I'LL PHONE AGAIN AFTER-WARD.
WHAT IS THIS?
SOMETHING FEELS WRONG

YOUJI, WHO DIDN'T SEEM TO WANT TO CONTACT HIS PARENTS...

AND HIS MOTHER WHO DOESN'T SEEM PART OF HIS LIFE AT ALL...

HIS FATHER, WHO STOPPED INVOLVING HIMSELF IN YOUJI'S LIFE LONG AGO.

THAT MUST BE A PAIN I'M SURPRISED YOU AGREED
WELL THAT WAS THE CONDITION YOUR PARENTS SET FOR LETTING YOU LIVE HERE
AAH THAT'D BE IT
SENKO ASKED ME TO
shut
WAS IT ONE OF THOSE PERIODIC CHECK-UPS?
creak
YOUJI
I'M BEAT...
FORGET ABOUT IT LET'S GO BACK TO SLEEP.
AREN'T YOU ANGRY?
AN-GRY? WHY WOULD I BE?

I DON'T KNOW MY FATHER, AND MY MOTHER DIED YOUNG
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT A NORMAL FAMILY'S LIKE,
SO I'VE NEVER GIVEN IT ANY DEEP THOUGHT, BUT
SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT
IT SEEMS TOO UNNAT-URAL
ARE YOU ON BAD TERMS WITH YOUR PARENTS?
NOT REALLY
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST THEM,
AND THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST ME
THERE'S JUST NO INTEREST THAT'S ALL

YOU SEE...
I DON'T REALLY EXIST TO THEM
SO IT'S NOT A MATTER OF BEING ON GOOD OR BAD TERMS RIGHT?
YOU JI... THAT'S
LET'S STOP TALKING ABOUT THIS
GOOD NIGHT
turn
ZZZ
ZZZ
M

I ALWAYS THOUGHT
THAT YOUJI GREW UP IN A LOVING FAMILY HOME SURROUNDED BY WARMTH AND AFFECTION
I NEVER IMAGINED
THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING SO COLD AND DARK WITHIN HIM
WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED—
GOOD MORNING REN!!

ARE YOU GOING TO BE EATING DINNER AT HOME?
YEAH
I WRAPPED UP YOUR BREAKFAST AND PUT IT ON THE TABLE
THERE'S MISO SOUP TOO. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IT PUT IT IN A BOWL AND HEAT IT.
YOU JI?

'KAY THEN,
I'M OFF!
IN THAT CASE I'LL DO SOME SHOPPING ON MY WAY HOME

HE ISN'T SHOWING EVEN THE SLIGHTEST TRACE OF WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY.
THE SAME SMILE AS ALWAYS, AND THE SAME TONE OF VOICE

DAMN.
IT'S BOTHERING ME TOO MUCH. I CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON WORK.
creak
SENKO HUH
lift
click clack
BUT THEN AGAIN
COULD A CHILD REALLY GROW UP LIKE HE HAS WITHOUT BEING LOVED BY HIS PARENTS?
click
click clack
AND THEN THERE'S SENKO TOO.
YEAH... WHAT ABOUT SENKO?
BEEP
HE'S ALWAYS WORN HIS HEART ON HIS SLEEVE, THAT OPEN GAZE OF HIS NEVER HIDING ANY OF HIS FEELINGS.
COULD IT BE BECAUSE HE'S DESPERATE TO LOVE AND TO BE LOVED...?

TO ANY FAMILY OR FRIENDS WHO FIND THIS BOOK LYING AROUND

So I bet you must be wondering what this kind of book is doing here? Well...

※(The owner of this book has put a check in the box to mark the appropriate explanation)

( ) Yes, I hereby admit that I adare boy-an-boy manga and have baught this baak by my own free will. Yeah baby, gay lave rocks!

( ) I have a slightly add friend, wha farced this baak upon me. It's a little disturbing, really.

( ) Obviausly I anly left it lying around as a prank, just sa I could see the laak an yaur face! Did I getcha?

( ) I started hearing these little vaices in my head, and the next thing I knew I was standing in the baakshap with this baak in my hand. I'd already paid far it, taa. Wah, I'm scared!

( ) Other

( )

I hope the above has explained everything you need to know. Now that you're enlightened, please place the book gently back in its place, turn around, and slowly walk away.

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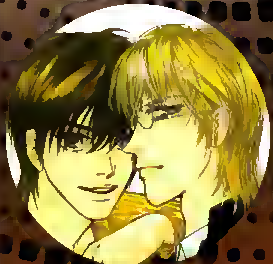

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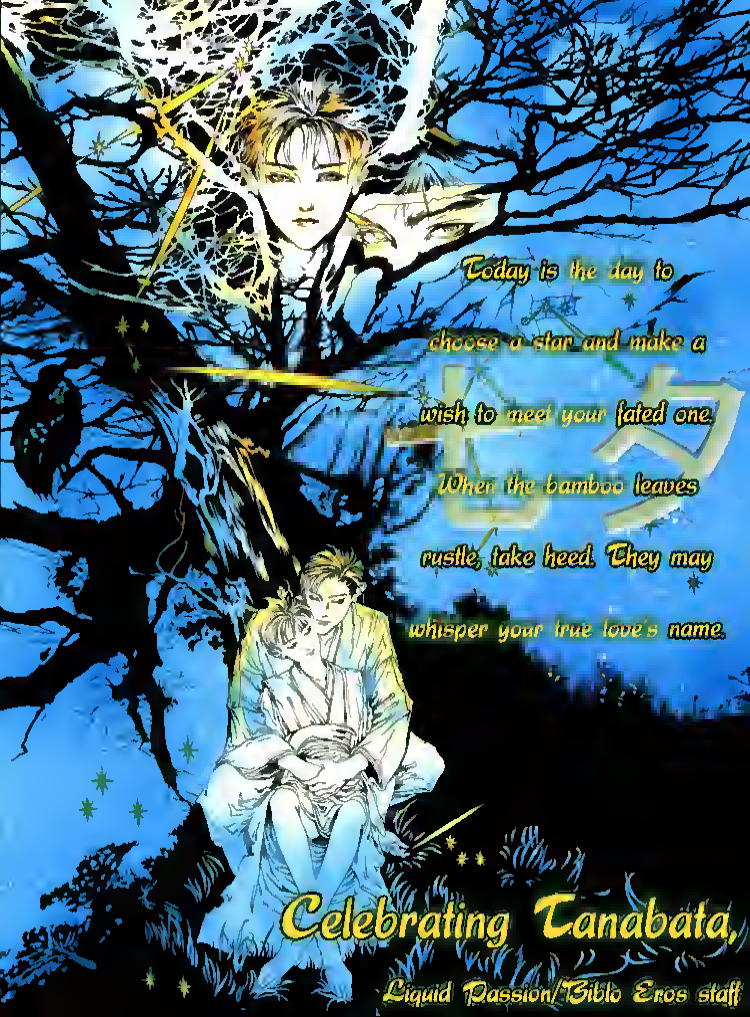
Today is the day to
choose a star and make a
wish to meet your fated one.
When the bamboo leaves
rustle, take heed. They may
whisper your true love's name.
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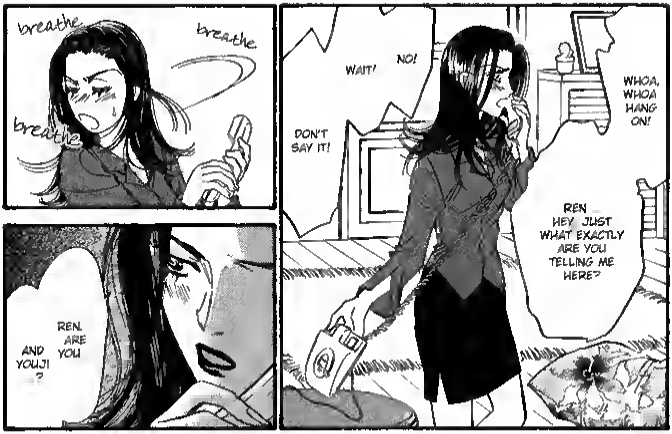
HELLO?
THIS IS TAKANASHI
OH, WAIT!
REN!?
YEAH SURE I'VE GOT TIME
YES
ring- ring
ring- ring
ring- ring
ring- ring
YES, YES
YES!
NOTHING'S CHANGED AT YOUR END HAS IT?
WOW, I'M SO HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU
HOW'S YOUJI?
NOT BROODING OR SULKING OR ANYTHING, IS HE?
-HUH?
toss
WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
DID OUR FOLKS DO SOME-THING?
Nn.. well..
How can I say this..
chuckle
THIS IS RARE YOU GETTING CURIOUS ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE
YOUJI'S RELATION-SHIP WITH HIS PARENTS ?

I KNOW ALL TOO WELL THAT I'M THE LEAST QUALIFIED TO INTERFERE IN OTHERS' LIVES
BUT SENKO
LAST NIGHT, YOUJI TOLD ME THAT HE "DOESN'T EXIST TO HIS PARENTS."
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HE MEANT BY THAT.
HE SAID THAT...?
SENKO
I WAS ABLE TO GET BACK ON MY FEET BECAUSE OF YOUJI. HE'S STILL HELPING ME RECOVER, EVEN NOW
IF THERE'S BEEN SOMETHING WEIGHING ON HIS MIND,
THEN I'D LIKE TO HELP HIM IF I CAN.
IT MIGHT SEEM STRANGE FOR ME, OF ALL PEOPLE, TO BE THINKING LIKE THIS, BUT...
Sanko..
I'm... well,
What I'm trying to say...
Freeze!


breathe
breathe
breathe
WAIT!
NO!
DON'T SAY IT!
WHOA, WHOA HANG ON!
REN HEY, JUST WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU TELLING ME HERE?
REN, ARE YOU AND YOUJI?

I GUESS THIS WAS ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY
IT'S ACTUALLY WEIRDER THAT I DIDN'T SEE IT COMING
slide
I'm sorry, Saeko
AH... THAT'S NOT SOMETHING TO APOLOGIZE ABOUT
—YEAH
THAT'S RIGHT.

SENKO
Sorry. I'm babbling...
AS YOUR FRIEND I FEEL THAT I SHOULD GIVE MY BLESSING FOR ANYTHING THAT COULD SET YOU FREE FROM THE SPELL HIROSE HAD ON YOU
BUT, UMM..
WELL...
BUT I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT!
I GUESS HE'S ALWAYS STAYED A CHILD TO ME
I NEVER IMAGINED HE'D ENTER YOUR STRIKE ZONE
AS YOUJI'S BIG SISTER, MY FEELINGS ARE A BIT MORE COMPLICATED
BUT TO THINK THAT YOUJI'S GROWN UP HANDSOME ENOUGH TO ATTRACT YOUR ATTENTION DOES MAKE ME KINDA HAPPY...
That just overloaded my head a bit
I'm going to need a while to sort out my feelings.

IN TRUTH I'M STILL NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT MY FEELINGS TOWARD YOUJI ARE
I MEAN
I MAY NOT EVEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK THIS
IT MIGHT JUST BE SOME DISTORTED FEELING OF FAMILY
OR IT MIGHT BE NOTHING MORE THAN SIMPLE ATTACHMENT
I'M AFRAID I WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL THE STORY VERY WELL
AND ABOUT OUR "FAMILY" SITUATION WELL IT'S A BIT COMPLICATED
You don't have to tell me if you don't want to.

chuckle
You probably shouldn't tell me about this
If that's the case..

SENKO
That makes me sound like quite the cold-hearted sister, huh?
Experiencing a troubled love is part of growing up
As long as this isn't just a game or a whim to you, it's okay
But I think I'll need to talk to you some more about this
Just give me a bit of time please

SENKO
JUST TELL ME ONE THING
WAS YOUJI UNLOVED BY HIS PARENTS ?
He grew up ... loved very much by both our parents
NO
RRRRR
RRRR

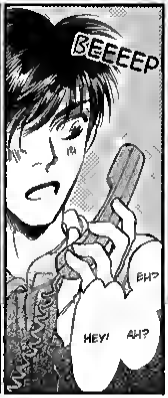
Are things going well with Ren?
NEE-CHAN!
Youji? You sound well.
HELLO, TAKANASHI SPEAKING... —AT AKISHIMA'S RESIDENCE
No need to cover it up. The cat's already out of the bag.
YOU MEAN, IF I'M CAUSING HIM ANY TROUBLE, OR ANYTHING...?
GOING WELL ...?
GO.
GO.
GO.
I've got to hand it to you for managing to win over someone like Ren
Well I can't say it'll be a smooth ride but for now—
The person you were brooding about before was Ren right?
STRIKE
I'm saying to go easy on the sex.
PL...
PLEA-SURE!
So make sure you don't go losing yourself in pleasure
But you're still a high schooler

I stayed up all night to write it. It's a masterpiece
Well then, could you tell him that I'm sending a fax over?
A FAX...?
HE'S GONE OUT!
Where's Ren?
N-
NOW NOW- SEE HERE-

SENKO, REN JUST GOT BACK
It's alright, I talked to him before anyway.
See-ya!
I'M HOME
AH...

IT WAS SENKO...
SHE SAID TO GO EASY ON THE SEX

WHO WAS IT?
WHAT DID THEY SAY?


BEEEEP
EH?
HEY!
AH?

OH AND SHE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT SENDING A FAX
SHE JUST CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD BEING SO DIRECT
IT'S NOT THAT
Slide
A FAX?
YOU TOLD HER?
WELL YEAH
YOU DIDN'T WANT HER TO KNOW?

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT THIS FAX?
UWAH!
THIS MUST BE IT

I ASKED SENKO ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR PARENTS
I WASN'T PLANNING ON LETTING YOU KNOW ABOUT IT... BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SENKO HATES KEEPING THINGS SECRET
WHAT NOW?
IF YOU TELL ME NOT TO READ IT, I'LL GET RID OF IT RIGHT HERE AND NOW
I DON'T REALLY CARE
IF YOU WANT TO READ IT, GO AHEAD AND READ
I'LL BE IN MY ROOM
FROM : SENKO TAKAHASHI
Ren,
I've never told you about this, but I once had an older brother.
His name was Youta.
He was older than me by three years, so the opposite of Youji.

That brother of mine was taken from us without warning when he got into a traffic accident
At that time, I was only nine years old
I cried.. I cried...and I cried..
It hit my mother worst of us all. She became an empty shell of her former self
Thinking back now,
It must have been then that "that" started.
Half a year later, Youji was born.
Our mother lavished him with love
We thought that if it would help her get over the death of my brother,
It must surely be a good thing.
Being accepted so whole-heartedly into our family, Youji grew up without a care in the world.
We were truly happy...
until Youji reached junior high school, that is.
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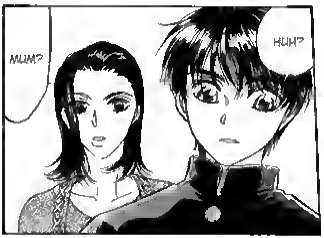


However ... At first we thought our mother was just joking around.

On that day, Youji ...

Something inside my mother had broken at the death of my brother...
and she'd buried that distorted part deep down within herself.
She called Youji the same way she'd called my brother,
And raised Youji as if following in the footsteps of how she had raised my brother
But my brother had never worn the uniform of a junior high student.
In my mother's mind, "You-chan" had never grown past twelve years old.
And so she started to reject Youji, who had now overtaken my brother
She must have subconsciously chosen not to acknowledge his presence anymore.
Of course we consulted a therapist, but
other than the thing with Youji her condition didn't interfere with daily life...
I think my mother must have been suffering a lot...
And it was also very tough on me and my dad.
But
the one who had to endure the most was Youji...

All the love that Youji had received until that day and even his own existence

on that day suddenly,

was all completely denied.

It would be better for Youji to be apart from our mother

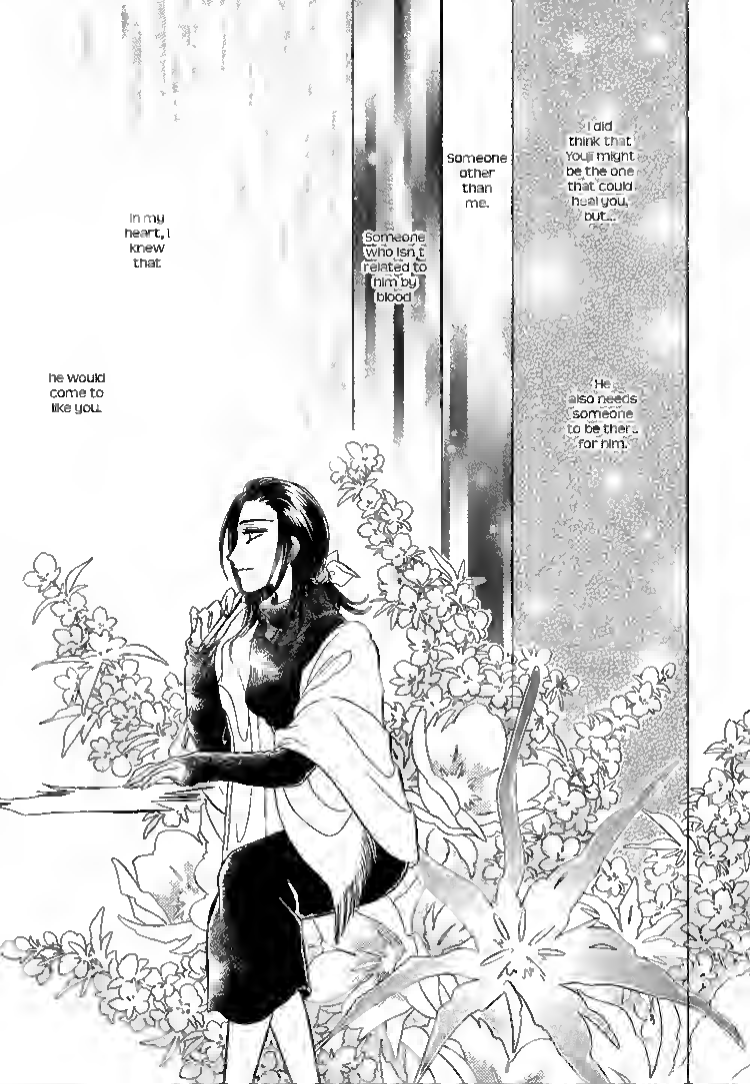
That's what our father decided, and the two of them moved to Iwate.

still,

there came a point when we just couldn't go on.

There's simply nothing else we can do, is there?
"The lovey-dovey parents have left their two children to their own devices in order to spend more time with each other."
This is what we usually convince others of.
The two of them leaving was a self-defense measure in order to avoid any more mental suffering.
Or it might have just been running away.

Ren,
I entrusted Youji to you.
But in exchange,
Youji gave his consent for them to leave for Iwate.
Youji lost all faith in his father, and gave up the love he'd had for his mother
That's why..


In my heart, I knew that
he would come to like you.
Someone who isn't related to him by blood
Someone other than me.
I did think that you might be the one that could heal you, but...
He also needs someone to be there for him.

clink
That's why you don't have to feel so g
your relationship with Yougy
This is just my own conviction but
I'm sorry if it seemed like I was m
se of you
I love you both
Seiko
Though I have to say I didn't predict that you'd fall for him yourself
♡
Same here
WOW LOOK AT YOU
HOW ABOUT SOME COCOA?
IT'LL CALM YOU DOWN

IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL OKAY?
I DON'T WANT PITY OR ANYTHING
SENKO'S PROBABLY BLOWN THE WHOLE THING WAY OUT OF PROPORTION ANYWAY
IT ALL HAPPENED LONG AGO. IT DOESN'T REALLY BOTHER ME ANYMORE
AND I HATE GETTING SYMPATHY FROM PEOPLE OVER IT
HOW COULD I SYMPATHIZE...
WHEN I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE
SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
I'VE CRIED FOR MYSELF BEFORE BUT
CRYING FOR SOMEONE ELSE THAT HASN'T HAPPENED SINCE MY CHILDHOOD
YOU HAVEN'T STOPPED YET, Y'KNOW
SO HOW COME YOU'RE CRYING?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY JUST KEEP FALLING AGAINST MY WILL!

AM I WEIRD FOR THINKING THAT YOU LOOK COMPLETELY IRRESISTIBLE AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
Y'KNOW, YOU'RE BEING REALLY CUTE RIGHT NOW
!
Kiss
REALLY WEIRD
YEAH
And don't call me cute
THEN I'M WEIRD
OH OKAY

kick
grab
twitch

RE...N
REN
PANT
PANT
THAT URGE...
PU...
NH...
TO THINK OF SOMEONE AS BELOVED...
NGH...
AH!

STEALING EACH OTHER'S BREATH
SEEK OUT EACH OTHER'S PALMS AND FINGERS...
WANTING EACH OTHER AGAIN AND AGAIN
EVEN IF IT TURNS OUT THAT THIS ISN'T ACTUALLY LOVE
I DON'T EVEN CARE ANYMORE

BLACK
JUST COFFEE PLEASE
DO YOU WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK AS WELL?
BLACK? THAT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU
What of it? I'm not always in the mood for sweet drinks, you know

knock
knock
knock
REN?
I MADE YOU DINNER.
OH
THANKS

THERE'S A FEELING OF TENSION AROUND HIM NOW WHEN HE'S AT THE KEYBOARD BUT NOT IN A BAD WAY.
I'VE NOTICED THAT REN SEEMS TO HAVE STARTED WRITING A NOVEL AGAIN.
IT'S A LOT BETTER THAN THE RESTLESSNESS HE HAD BEFORE ANYWAY.
COULD THIS MEAN THE RETURN OF MISAKI RENA ?
I WONDER IF REN'S FOUND HIS OWN WORDS AGAIN?
rustle

WHAT CAN I DO?
WHAT DO I WANT TO DO FROM HERE ON?
TO WALK BY HIS SIDE WITH MY HEAD HELD HIGH?
WHAT CAN I DO TO STAY TOGETHER WITH HIM FOREVER?
HERE'S YOUR COFFEE REN
JUST PUT IT DOWN THERE
IT'D BE AMAZING TO BE ABLE TO READ MISAKI RENA'S NOVELS AGAIN
BUT WHAT ABOUT ME?

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B
I'LL PUT YOUR NAME DOWN FOR THE CLASS HEADING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, JUST IN CASE THAT WAY IT'LL BE EASY FOR YOU TO CHANGE YOUR MIND LATER ON
WELL, FOR NOW LET'S JUST PUT YOUR DECISION AS "PENDING"
I'D ADVISE YOU TO HAVE ANOTHER GOOD LONG TALK ABOUT THIS
bow
PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT YOUR FUTURE
TAKANASHI
YOUR GRADES HAVE BEEN IMPROVING A LOT RECENTLY

WHAT'S ALL THIS YOUJI?
WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY DETERMINED TO GET A JOB RATHER THAN GO TO A UNIVERSITY...?
IT'S NOT SUDDEN
I TOLD YOU THAT I WASN'T SURE ABOUT GOING TO A UNIVERSITY
I THOUGHT YOU JUST WEREN'T SURE WHICH ONE TO CHOOSE
DON'T YOU WANT TO GO TO A UNIVERSITY...?
WHAT OF IT?
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH WANTING TO WORK
I'M NOT SAYING THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH IT
IT'S JUST THAT YOU'VE GOT THE ABILITY TO GO FURTHER THAN THIS. THIS IS YOUR BEST OPPORTUNITY TO GET A HIGHER EDUCATION. EVEN YOUR TEACHER THINKS YOU SHOULD GO
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO GO
I JUST...
WANT TO BECOME A WORKING MEMBER OF SOCIETY SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

A MEMBER OF SOCIETY?
OH, YOU KNOW
I DON'T WANT TO STAY A STUDENT WHO DEPENDS ON HIS PARENTS TO SUPPORT HIM
I WANT TO EARN MY OWN LIVING
IF I DON'T, WE'LL ALWAYS BE OUT OF BALANCE
I WANT TO HURRY UP AND STAND ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH YOU REN
YOU'RE A REAL IDIOT, AREN'T YOU?
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO CALL ME THAT NOW?
YUUJI
LOOK
HUH?

LOOKS LIKE
I DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE MEETING WITH THE TEACHER
D-DAD?
THANKS FOR TAKING SUCH GOOD CARE OF YOUJI
YOU MUST BE AKISHIMA-KUN
bow
I'M GLAD TO FINALLY MEET YOU IN PERSON
P-PLEASE COME!
WH-WHY REN! EH?
DON'T YOU COME TOO?
I'VE GOT TO PICK SOME THINGS UP FROM HOME BEFORE I GO
SORRY BUT I'VE GOT A MEETING WITH MR. KATORI THIS EVENING
pat
TAKE YOUR TIME CHATTING WITH YOUR FATHER
WELL THEN I'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT

WELL THEN, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME
REN!?
UHM... COULD WE GET A CUP OF COFFEE SOMEWHERE?
UH... SURE
WHY... ALL OF A SUDDEN ARE YOU HERE?
ALL THIS WAY....
YOU REALLY DIDN'T HAVE TO.
ACTUALLY, I HAD SOME THINGS TO DO HERE FOR WORK ANYWAY.

HAVE YOU DECIDED ON A UNIVERSITY YET?
NO...
NOW ABOUT HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY?
HOKKAI-DO?
IS THAT JUST AN EXCUSE TO GET ME CLOSER TO WHERE YOU TWO ARE LIVING NOW?
ISN'T IT A BIT LATE FOR THAT?
YOUJI, THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
WELL NO I GUESS I DID THINK OF THAT TOO
--BUT YOU'RE RIGHT...
I KNOW I'M ASKING TOO MUCH BY THIS...

TN: Hokkaido is the northern island of Japan... VERY far from Tokyo but close to Iwate where his parents live.

I'VE RELIED ON YOU BEING STRONG FOR SO LONG NOW
I HAD MY HANDS FULL DEALING WITH YOUR MOTHER, AND SO I FAILED TO CONSIDER YOUR FEELINGS AS WELL
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE STILL SUCH A YOUNG CHILD
I'M SO SORRY

STOP IT
WHERE DID ALL THIS SUDDENLY COME FROM?
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN WEIGHING ON MY MIND
I MIGHT NOT ACT MUCH LIKE IT, BUT I'M STILL YOUR DAD
HOWEVER...
I KNOW THAT YOU PROBABLY RESENT US FOR ABANDONING YOU LIKE THAT
EITHER THAT OR YOU'VE TAKEN THE OPPOSITE STANCE, THINKING THAT YOU DON'T NEED PARENTS LIKE US AT ALL
THAT'S WHAT STOPPED ME FROM TRYING TO REACH OUT TO YOU
WHAT A COWARDLY DAD, HUH?
I DON'T HAVE ANY HARD FEELINGS TOWARD YOU
LOOK, JUST FORGET IT ALREADY
THANK YOU YOUJI
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT EVEN IF IT'S JUST A LIE
IT'S NOT!

NO SORRY
I'M GLAD I CAME IT'S GIVEN ME THE CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU LIKE THIS
I'LL HAVE TO GIVE AKISHIMA-KUN MY THANKS
HE PHONED ME SEE
SAID THAT I SHOULD COME SEE YOU AT LEAST ONCE
REN?
HE SAID IT WAS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR YOU RIGHT NOW.
AND IF I WANTED TO SEE YOU, IT WAS NOW OR NEVER
REN DID THAT ?
HE'S BEEN MEDDLING AGAIN...
PLEASE GIVE HIM MY WARMEST REGARDS.
AS FOR A UNIVERSITY... MONEY IS NO OBJECT, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.
FORGET WHAT I SAID ABOUT HOKKAIDO. YOU JUST GO WHEREVER YOU WANT TO.

I'M NOT GOING
HUH?
I'M NOT GOING TO A UNIVERSITY
I WANT TO START WORKING AS SOON AS I FINISH HIGH SCHOOL
BUT
YOUJI!
I'VE GOT SOMEONE I LOVE
SOMEONE OLDER AND A LOT FURTHER ALONG THAN I AM IN LIFE
SO I HAVE TO BECOME AN INDEPENDENT ADULT AS SOON AS I CAN
IN ORDER TO CATCH UP

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Happy Birthday Ranal
We hope you receive plenty of hugs from bishies and lots of sweet treats!
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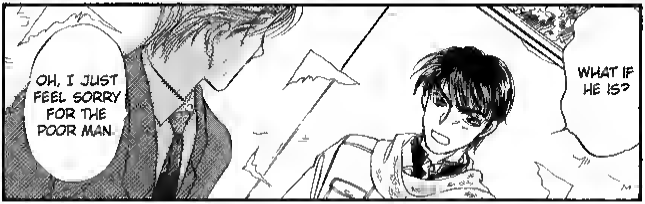
HAVE YOU ALREADY DECIDED WHAT KIND OF JOB YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR?
HUH?
OH...
NOT YET... NO.
WELL, I GUESS YOU'RE NOT GOING TO STAY A CHILD FOREVER...
I SEE
WELL...
THAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU'LL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT, THEN.
DECIDE WHAT YOU CAN DO, AND WHAT YOU WANT TO DO
THERE'S STILL A YEAR TO GO BEFORE YOU GRADUATE... SO TAKE YOUR TIME AND GIVE IT SOME CAREFUL THOUGHT...
ALSO, BEAR IN MIND THAT THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET THE JOB YOU WANT.
STARTING WORK IS NOT AS EASY AS YOU MIGHT THINK
JUST REMEMBER THAT
I KNOW IT'S A BIT PATHETIC THAT ALL I CAN COME UP WITH IS THIS LAME ADVICE...
DAD...

OKAY, HERE'S FINE.
I'M GLAD I HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH YOU TODAY
YOUJI
IF YOU'VE FOUND SOMEONE SPECIAL AND WANT TO STAY HERE, THAT'S FINE
BUT COULDN'T YOU COME SEE YOUR MOTHER AT LEAST ONCE?
GO SEE MUM—?
YEAH...
AH, THE BUS IS HERE.
SOMETIMES SHE REMEMBERS ABOUT YOU, TOO—
IT'S TAKEN TIME, BUT SHE'S BEEN GETTING BETTER.
I THINK SHE MISSES YOU.
This is bus stop X Heading for the station.
sorry for the wait
open
Entrance

But,
Dad,
close
BEEP
Bus now leaving
SOME DAY...
I WON'T PUSH YOU WHENEVER YOU FEEL READY.
I'm scared that this time round...
she rejects me again?
what... what if...
I might not be able to forgive her for it.
HEEP

JUMP
PAT
WHO!?
WHA-!?
WHY ARE YOU SO JUMPY?
YOU EVEN STARTLED ME!
H—
HIRO-SE!!

WAS THAT YOUR FATHER JUST NOW?
I JUST HAPPENED TO SEE YOU AND THOUGHT I'D SAY HI.
HOW MEAN.
ARE YOU A STALKER NOW OR SOMETHING?
WHERE THE HELL DID YOU APPEAR FROM?


OH, I JUST FEEL SORRY FOR THE POOR MAN.
WHAT IF HE IS?

AND TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, IT'S THE MAN THAT HE TRUSTED WITH YOUR SAFE-KEEPING
WHAT WOULD HE SAY IF HE KNEW THAT YOU SLEPT IN EACH OTHERS' NAKED EMBRACE NIGHT AFTER NIGHT?
I MEAN, HE DOESN'T HAVE A CLUE, DOES HE?
THAT HIS SON'S IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH ANOTHER MAN

WHAT ARE YOU...
DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT PLANNING ON TELLING HIM
THIS IS JUST A MOMENTARY FOLLY OF YOUTH! WE ALL HAVE THEM. IT'S NOTHING TO MAKE PARENTS WORRY OVER
IT'S NOT GOING TO CARRY ON MUCH LONGER BETWEEN YOU TWO ANYWAY
WHAT DID YOU SAY...?
HE'S MINE, YOU SEE
REN'S JUST PLAYING ALONG WITH YOU UNTIL HE GETS BORED WITH IT.
I WONDER HOW MUCH LONGER IT'LL BE?
ARE YOU MANAGING TO SATISFY HIM AT ALL?

*T/N: Emphasis on Youji being top and Ren being bottom

G-
GET YOUR HANDS OFF!
ANSWER ME.
I'M ASKING IF YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO MAKE LOVE TO HIM PROPERLY.*
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT REN'S GOT SUCH AN APPETITE FOR SEX WOULD YOU?
THAT'S MY INFLUENCE, YOU SEE
THOUGH I GUESS HE MUST ALWAYS HAVE HAD THAT KIND OF INCLINATION
BORN TO BE A SLUT
MAN, YOU PISS ME OFF!
STOP TALKING CRAP ABOUT HIM.
REN'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU ANYMORE!!

FUCK OFF!!
WELL, MAYBE I SHOULD TEACH YOU, STEP BY STEP... HOW TO GIVE REN THE MOST PLEASURE...
SL
AP
DON'T YOU EVER COME NEAR US AGAIN!
HE'S TURNED HIS BACK ON YOU!
REN DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU...
Fall

chuckle
I'M NOT HANDING REN OVER TO ANYONE
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES.

RRR...
RRR...
HELLO. AKI-SHIMA SPEAK-ING
HIROSE-SAN
Ren?
It's been a while...
Well actually we saw each other at the party didn't we.
WHAT IS IT?
Well you see...
I'm being transferred overseas
To L.A. to be exact
Actually I don't know how many years I'll be gone for

And, well... I realise this is a selfish thing to ask, but
I'd like to see you once more before I leave...
Today, if possible.
I want to clear things between us
For myself, as well
ALRIGHT
I'M MEETING SOMEONE NOW, BUT I CAN SEE YOU AFTER THAT IF YOU'D LIKE.
YES.
AT 7, THEN OKAY

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
BOUR-BON?
NO.
I'M NOT DRINK-ING.
SOME OOLONG TEA THEN.

HEY.
OVER HERE.

*T/N: Ren's still using polite/distant speech
L-A, DID YOU SAY?*
THAT MUST BE A PROMOTION.
ARE KOZUE-SAN AND LITTLE SANAE-CHAN GOING TOO?
NO WELL
YES.
I GUESS THEY ARE
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I FIND IT HARD TO LAUGH AT BAD JOKES LIKE THAT.
I'M DEADLY SERIOUS.
JOKE?
SAY, REN.
WON'T YOU COME WITH ME?

I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU STOPPED WITH THIS NONSENSE.
HIRO-SE-SAN
HOW COULD I LEAVE YOU BEHIND?
I'D NEVER ABANDON YOU LIKE THAT.
NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I CAN'T DO IT.
I CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT YOU, REN.
THIS IS RIDICULOUS
I CAME BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO CLEAR THINGS
REN!
LET GO, PLEASE. I'M LEAVING
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY NOT IN YOUR RIGHT MIND.
YES, THAT'S TRUE.
I'M NOT IN MY RIGHT MIND AT ALL RIGHT NOW.
AND I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET YOU BACK.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT I'M NOT GOING TO DO SOMETHING TO YOUJI-KUN?
Fterez
DO WHAT YOU WANT.
HE'S REALLY QUITE PRECIOUS TO YOU, ISN'T HE?
LITTLE YOUJI-KUN.
slide
THAT'S YOUJI'S ...!!

*T/N Slipped back into normal Japanese now

*WHAT DID YOU DO TO YOUJI?
NOW, NOW SIT DOWN
SIT.
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING TO HIM.
chuckle
I HAPPENED TO RUN INTO YOUJI-KUN IN TOWN A LITTLE WHILE AGO.
THAT'S ALL.
RATTLE

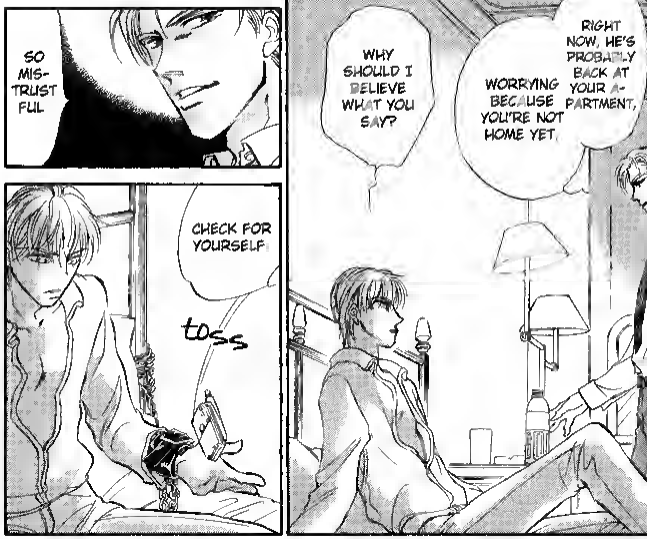
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW,
THEN DRINK.
"BUT I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D BELIEVE THAT.
I GUESS THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD KNOW WHAT'LL FOR SURE YOU DO, REN?
DON'T YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE?
SLIDE

ARE YOU SAYING THAT IF I DRINK THIS I'LL FIND OUT THE TRUTH?
IT'S QUITE SIMPLE. YOU ONLY HAVE TWO CHOICES.
DRINK IT, OR DON'T DRINK IT
gulp
b a m
cough
SILLY BOY

I GUESS SO...
THAT STUFF IN THERE WILL KICK IN WITHIN HALF AN HOUR
OF COURSE,
YOU KNEW IT WAS DRUGGED WHEN YOU DRANK IT, RIGHT?
THE ONLY IDIOT HERE
IS YOU.

breathe
!!
clatter
shut
WELL, WELL.
YOU'RE AWAKE ALREADY?
LOOKS LIKE I WENT TOO EASY ON THE DRUGS

DO YOU REMEMBER WALKING TO MY CAR AND GETTING IN?
CAR...?
WHERE IS THIS
WH WHY ..?
I CAN'T REMEM-BER.
AH...
NO...
DON'T WORRY. IT'S JUST THE EFFECT OF THE SLEEP-ING PILLS.
MIXING THEM WITH ALCOHOL CAN MAKE YOUR MEMORY GO A BIT FUZZY.
NOT HERE
WHERE IS HE!?
WHAT ABOUT YOUJI!?
YOUJI


SO MIS-TRUST FUL
CHECK FOR YOURSELF
toss
WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE WHAT YOU SAY?
WORRYING BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT HOME YET.
RIGHT NOW, HE'S PROBABLY BACK AT YOUR A-PARTMENT.

PI
ring-ring...
PI
PI
PI
ring-ring
Hello?
Akishima resi-dence
Hellooo?
Hello?
lift
yo
phew

Damnit, what is this?
A silent call?
Heeeey !
Hello?
YOUJI'
BEEP
ting
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST GONE HOME INSTEAD OF COMING WITH ME...
ISN'T IT JUST LIKE I SAID? I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO HIM.
DID THAT CONVINCE YOU?
WELL SAID, FOR SOMEONE WHO SMEARED BLOOD ON YOUJI'S SCARF
TO BAIT ME...
THAT'LL TEACH YOU
FOR NOT BELIEVING MY WORDS.

!!
I NEVER SAID IT WAS YOUJI'S BLOOD...
OH... YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN AWAY WITH YOU.
I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND MYSELF
WHY I GET THIS IRRESISTIBLE URGE TO MAKE THESE CUTS...
TO HURT MY OWN BODY...
EVER SINCE I SAW YOU AT THAT PARTY...
YOU'RE NOT BEING FAIR...
THIS IS SO LOW OF YOU...
My heart feels in turmoil
EVERYTHING I DO IS FOR THE SAKE OF GETTING YOU BACK...
THAT ALONE JUSTIFIES IT ALL.

it's not love.
LET'S GO BACK REN
It's not hate.
What is
TO WHEN IT WAS JUST THE TWO OF US
...NGH.
What could it be?
LET'S GO BACK TO THAT TIME
this twinge of pain?
Rather, it feels a bit like intoxi-cation.

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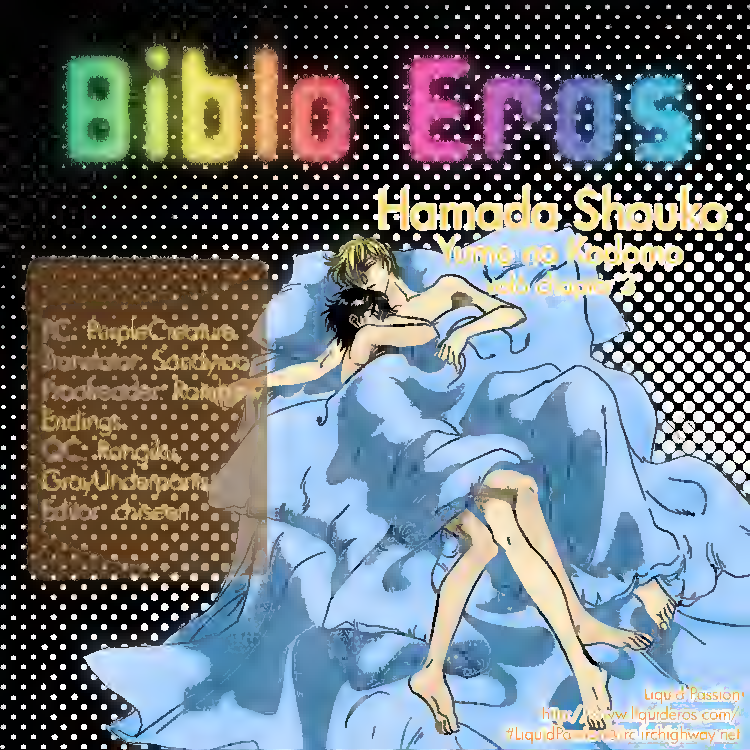

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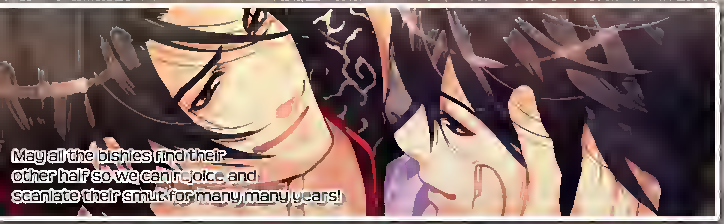


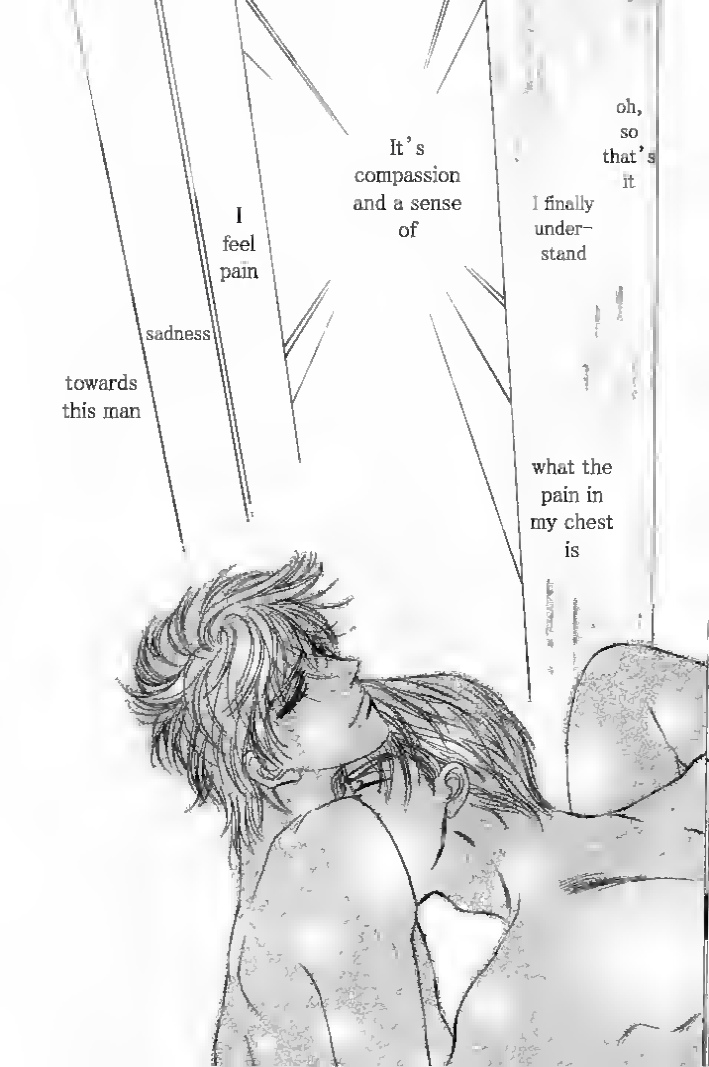
LIQUID PASSION AND BIBLO EROS STAFF WISHES YOU A HAPPY VALENTINE!

You silent shitty bastard! Stop fucking around!
Oi! Hello?
Damn it what is this! Say something!
He hasn't called to say he'll be running late.
Ren is late...
Is it this time, already..
whatever!
It's been sometime since they saw each other, maybe the talk about work is dragging on.
Maybe he is still with Katori.

ビュルル
Ha
a
a
nh
that's good Ren
won-
der-
full!
get more dishev-elled
fu
a...
a
aaa
more

Lets always be close.
Lets not be apart from eachother, anymore
Ren, I love you.
This place ...
ha..
what is?
It's surprising isn't it?

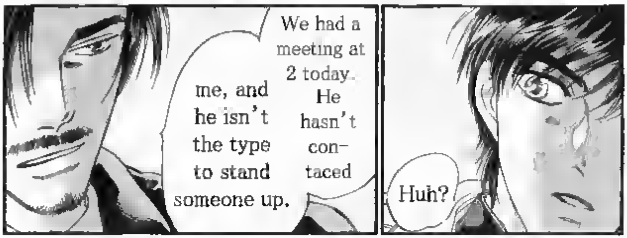
So that is how it is
Youji is my rival, and he prefer to stick it in.
I was sure you would be doing Youji.
Stop it!
For a moment it didn't look like it.
As I thought, it's rigid.
n... uh
it's not letting go of my finger.
Look
That's why this place is greedy for it. It's engulfing it.
My, Ren
Because you're mine.
it's alright now
Even-though it's giving you bad memo-ries,

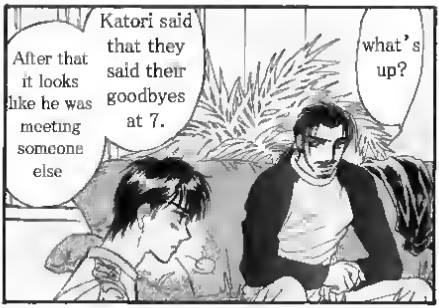

I feel pain
sadness towards this man
It's compassion and a sense of
I finally understand what the pain in my chest is
oh, so that's it

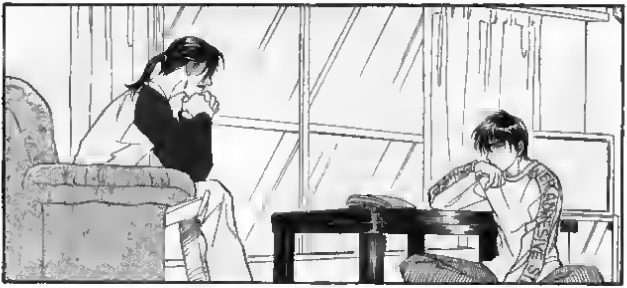
a little n...
that was a big yawn.
no sleep?
we haven't reached a conclusion yet No,
did you get fired up, after your career-guidance meeting and studied hard
XXX
still not gottan home?
学生課
Maybe he's still sleeping,
or maybe he's gone out
Ren hadn't returned this morning, it's odd.

Hi boy, I've been waiting.
Adachi's car.
did he come here?

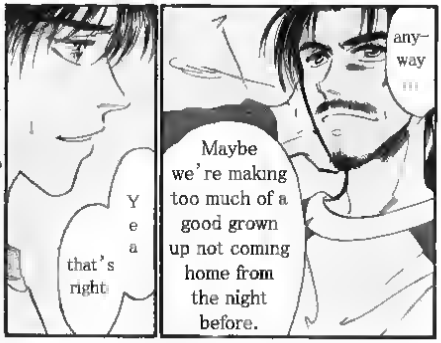
Do you know where Ren is?
What are you doing here?


We had a meeting at 2 today. He hasn't contaced me, and he isn't the type to stand someone up.
Huh?





Could it have been Ren that made that silent phonecall last night?


With whom did he meet?
Yea that's right
Maybe we're making too much of a good grown up not coming home from the night before.
anyway...

I have a bad feeling about this.
I have a lump in my throat.
Hirose
Huh?
it couldn't be... but
Yesterday, I incidently met Hirose.
that's mine
He is a very unpleasant guy, but yestrday he was somewhat strange.
Strange ?
I can't pinpoint it, it wasn't his manner, but at the time he seemed ...
when I walked away?
If that's so, what was said,

Wait, if I remember right it should be here
got it!
Youji
I won't hand over Ren to anyone, what ever I have to do.
Heilo, is this Hirose's residence? This is Takanashi.
Takanashi Youp, Senko's little-brother.
Yes
Is Hirose there?

hu?
Because of the transfer, he has taken sometime off to relax before the move.
For 3 days he's been on vacation.
Hirose's home. I have to go there to personally find out where he is.
Where are you going? Youji
Wait
don't stop me!
huh? that ...
Would it be okay if I came over?
When we get there, don't be hot headed.
hu...
You know the way don't you?
Idiot, it'll be faster with my car.

My bad, for coming at this hour
I apologize, but can you tell me where Hirose is?
I don't know. He just suddenly went away.
what about his mobile
Please give me his mobile number.

ma'am, excuse me,
but what happened to your face?
!
I can't reach him on the mobile.
Since last night it looks like he turned it off
This?
I fell.
It's new. The make up can't cover it up.
Sanae
Mom, do we have guests?
ah, yes
but they'll be returning home

Oi, go back to your room.
okay
Is it like that
bye bye
I'm sorry for not being of any help
Please, be so kind and leave.
Don't you have an idea, at least?
Like a place Hirose goes to...
The door has an auto-lock,
so you just need to shut the door, when you leave.

Ren has gone missing!
Youji!
It can't be helped.
While we are here,
he can be going through hell.
Tell me, Where is Hirose?
Ren?

But I can't stop thinking it.
I can't confer it.
Are Ren and my husband really together?
Where is that place?
Perhaps ...
They share memories of that place.
There is a place my husband is fond of.
Let's go Youji.
We'll wait in the car.
You're going by a car, aren't you?
I'll get a map
Could you wait a little.

She's slow ...
Don't be impatient.
You'll only exhaust yourself.
Sorry, for taking so long. Let's go.
It's enough to just show us the place.
It's an illusive place.
But, ma'am ...
It's entrusted to a neighboring friend.

huh?
I already know about my husband and Ren.
Don't worry
Kozue
it's better if you don't go.
that is.. in other words ...
I knew about it before we got married
I became fond of Takuya, so I asked my father to arrange a Miai.
How long have you known?
Though I had him investigated by an private detective.
I also had
Ren and Senko
investi-gated.

Youji!
So you knew you knew about Hirose, and married him anyway.
Yes, that is right.
Because of that, did you know what kind of feelings Ren was facing?
I didn't.
but even so I would have done anything to make Hirose mine.
I wanted to steal him from Ren,
and I found something Ren couldn't do, get pregnant.
But, he

After we got married I could feel that he still loved Ren.
And I thought I was okay with that.
As a couple, as a family
I'm not only glad but I am also happy that we are living together.
That's why, I am afraid,
I rejoiced in my pregnancy.
Receiving love from the person you like.
I want that a lot.
I wanted to make him mine.
I'm cunning.
Yes, he is like a child, greedy.

Kozue,
you are prepared for this, that is
about the situation we are imagining Ren being in?
that kind
such happiness
Don't ask anymore questions.
Youji, stop it.
Yes
...no
before. I think I would have denied it.
Hirose is haughty and self-confident, but composed.
Ultimately he is a person who doesn't show his bad sides.
But then ...

It looks like something is hounding him.
Not even I know what will happen.
that might not be it
Is it 'cause Ren said goodbye to Hirose, on that day?
It seems like you been hit.
Yea ...
Fortunatly it hasn't happened infront of our daughter.
This happened after he meet Ren at that party.
However if he can't be stopped ..
I want to save him.
No, probably even before that
something changed inside of him.

Yea, he is a fool.
He is a fool!
Hirose is a big idiot!
Even-though he has a love giving person —.

カチャ
this kind ...
I...
Ren, sorry
I am really sorry.
wasn't it?
in my drink,
It was a psych-tropic drug
'cause the drugs stopped working, I regained consciousness

If you're apologizing, than quickly do something about this
It can't be helped, but they are inconvenient.
You really are an idiot.
It's unforgivable.
Yea, I really am an idiot. What I've done can't be undone. I can't ask for forgivness.
huh?
I forgive you.

I forgive you.
I forgive everything.
Ren
In reality you don't want me to forgive you.
However, I only feel pity for you.
I forgive it all. So forget and accept it.
Re...n
Ren...?

But now it's like getting a load off my chest.
When I said goodbye, my chest was hurting.
You, I
I ...
Wait... Ren
To see you like this is such a pleasure.

Sure enough, it's regrettable, but I've given it all up.
You're arrogant, yet you are a coward, you're like a child.
Because I still have some sympathy for you I'll tell you once more.
I will never regain any feelings for you.
What you did was a crime. Sure my body felt pleasure, but that was it.
Don't be unreasonable, whatever you'll do it will be useless.
they are irretrievable.
Because of what happened 3 years ago

You couldn't face your fears so you ran away from me.
Are you really ready to spend your whole life with me?
This is a strange statement,
but through watching Youji I feel I can understand your hesitation, at that time.
same ... mistake?
However, Hirose
do you really want to make the same mistake, again?

Just like you had me than,
you have someone impor-tant who loves you
You don't know?
You're stil losing out.
Kozue and Sanae
It can't be...
I hope you can regain your relationship.

This is …
please wait Ren
wait …
what should I do?
Ren

So I'll come out on the road, what will I do then?
If I remember correctly it should be a path here.
I remember
How many times haven't I come here
what time is it?
It's pitch-black

there should appear a sign at the right side.
then strait ahead
Yes, here drive on this path.

the visability is ...
It's pitch-black. With only the headlights
Shut up!
Can't you drive faster?
!!
REN!!

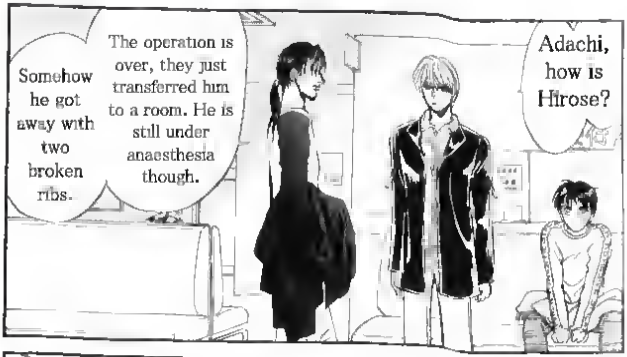
ドン

Kozue the villa has a phone hasn't it? Hurry and call for an ambulance.
ah ...
okay
Ren ...
Youji ...

Ren, you Idiot!
why?
Hirose fooled you didn't he?
I'm sorry I made you worry.
Are you okay? He didn't do anything bad, did he?
If anything had happened to you, I would have killed
Hirose. I would never forgive him.
I am alright.

...
I am
okay.

yeah ...
Another ambulance.
That's pretty many sin't it?
Yea.
病院
Ren!
Is that so.
That person ... Kozue
She knew, about you and Hirose, before they married.


Adachi, how is Hirose?
The operation is over, they just transferred him to a room. He is still under anaesthesia though.
Somehow he got away with two broken ribs.

Akishima
Kozue

What can I say?
I...
You don't have to apologize.
Though if I were in your position I would've things to complain about.

You reap what you sow. Both he and I...
When I found out that he was torturing you, I choose to look the other way.
!!
ポロ
It must have been rough for you too.
but it's over.
I had a revenge planned,
What about you.. will you forgive Hirose?
Yes for this time.
Nex time, I'm not sure I will.

You have to make that clear,
and it's good if you're a bit selfish towards him.
Now, I know
that you and the old me were to sweet towards Hirose.
Akishima
From now on it's a couples problem, between the two of you.
Oh!
You're finished.
Yeah
COFFEE

Tonight take your time to rest, and return tomorrow.
Do you have money?
Well then here, take a taxi immediately to the hotel infront of the station.
Yeah, then ... what about you Adachi?
I'm busy with various things.
I have to go to the police and clear up the traffic-accident,
and I'll stay and help here. It must be hard for her being here alone.
Adachi,
thank you so much for the help.
no problem.

huh ...
they do have various stuff.
Ren, do you want something to drink?
CENTRAL HOTEL
what is it?
I'm good
Youji come here.
waah!

What ?
I want to see your face.

Thank goodness you're okay.
what's that... it's the other way around.

Ren...

n...

I got your scarf, it had blood on it.
My . . . ?
no . . . I thought you might've had a gushing head wound.
What had happened was never stated, it was just implied.
I thought you were bleeding.
Now that I think about it I was fool.
But I thought it, more than that you're an important presence to me.
Ren...

but before that shouldn't you undress.

You're tired, rest.
Go to sleep ..

don't want to.
It's a has-sle.

Stay close
come here

Ren!

Do what ever you want.

Thank god that Ren is alright.
ガラ
n...
it can't be...
safe...?

He isn't unharmed
Kozue
Oh! You're awake?
How are you feeling? Are you in pain?
Do you remeber what happened? You dashed out infron of a car.
You have two broken ribs.

You've known ..?
I've always known about you and Ren.
I don't want to hear any excuses. There is no need to explain.
I . . . Kozue
It's okay. I've always forgiven you,
but this time
You have over done it.
wait . . . .
Please... don't leave me
Kozue...
I beg you.

I want a lot of love, I want you all to myself.
Promise me.
Okay, I'll forgive you,
if you can promise me that you'll only love me.
Promise, I promise.
Please remember,
that I more than anyone else love you the most.
And Sanae loves her father very much.
You mean...
Kozue, is it true?
and there's one more person...

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Kozue...
Yes, sometime in fall you'll be a father of two.
Is that so, women are strong aren't they?
Youji though is a little...
Yeah, I am alright.
Yea, it's that place isn't it.

Who called?
Welcome home.
It was Adachi. He called to say that the processing is over, among things.
Ah, I'll go and change.
Pasta is okay for dinner, isn't it?
Oh, I see.
He's distracted
Youji

Youji, can you sit down for a while?
You can do that later.
eh ...?
I have things that need washing.
Well than I'll go to my room and study
I have home-work.
Youji !!
This is a order from your gardian.
Sit down!!

ちぇっ
eh?
..wh
why?
...
I think that even if I'm bothering your studying as it is you can't concentrate anyway.
Something is disturbing you
...feels like, when you're looking at me you don't want to meet my eyes,
are you avoiding me?
When that thing happened to you,
even though you got injured, I wanted to push you down.
That kind of intent... but...
avoiding you ?!!
I just by looking and also... desired you
Was that it?

come
That's all that's ... not a problem is it?
you don't want to touch me?
cause another guy has touched this body.
no... 'cause... it's no good.
I want to forget, and I want you to forget.
but Hirose violated you, hurt you...
and you are as usual, but still...
wro...that's not it! it's messed up. Vexing,
If I touch you now, I'll ask about it.

I would try to get to the root of those unhealed wounds.
I surely would ask you about what Hirose did to you.
I am not hurt, nor am I violated.
흐냐
Youji,
you've misunderstood.
misunderstood?

It's true that when I fell into Hiroses mean hands, he did what ever he wanted. But you accepting it, doesn't change anything for me.
ひっく
It's just, that's true ... eventhough I was restrained, maybe I didn't resist hard enough.
If I didn't, than maybe it's a betrayal towards you.
ぶんぶんっ
That's.. that is..
If you had resisted, I don't know what Hirose would have done. But certainly it must have been something worse.

Do you want to ask about anything else? I'll tell you all about it.
.....
When Hirose did that to you, that did you feel it? Did it feel good?
I felt it.
That was a swift replay. Even if you'd lied you could have denied it.
So if I had said that I didn't feel good, you would have believed me?
eh ...
Y... yeah
That kind of lie would just give birth to a suspicion inside of you.
'cause you really don't want to say it.
n...

Inside of me there was not a ounce of feelings for Hirose left.
Ah no.. before ...
Should I tell you about the thing that Hirose and I did, that felt the best?
R..en
And I completely felt this sweet pleasure.
That tormented man, infront of me, in pain begged me.

Between me and Hirose ..which one is better?
Not only from now, but also the old Hirose that you liked.
what?
is it okay if I ask one more thing?
That... I haven't compared you two... about comparing you
Then compare!!
Okay
come here Youji.

u...
nh
what?
Ren
wai.. little... that..
what, have you lost your confi-dence already ?
Sorry, it was a slip of tongue! Cancel the comparing.

Eh ...
so you noticed.
that is... sorry.
That's not it... I didn't mean that you should compare us

So why did you say what you said?
To begin with there is no time to, is there?
Comparing has no meaning.

It was just a pretence for the purpose of doing you.
n...

ha
...
n
n
n
n
Liar
you say you got no time to...
There is none, none at all.
Right now I want you. I'm desperate
What do you want Youn?
Is it okay to do it as usual?
Or do you want to put it in?

I want inside
I want inside of Ren
becasue it's your first time
I'll make it sweet.
Re ...n
shi...
n...
ah...
fu...

Ren ...
amaz- ing ...
it feels good.
Let's go.
Rather than my body, my mind...
Me too... eventhough you're still inside.
move ...
aah
ah . . fu .

ビクッ
a
ah
ne,
Ren
...

I just suddenly thought that I should.
don't know,
I think I should apply to university after all.
what's that all of a sud-den?
How should I say it.
Just now.. my body filled up with some-thing.
Inside my chest it was beating.
I would like to try to put it in to words.
Because of that I think there is a lot more to learn.
That's not bad thinking at all.

No need to rush into being an adult.
and primarly ...
To quickly become Ren's equal.
I want to become an adult quickly.
But it's really a dilemma ...
We already are equals, aren't we?
eh...?
Ren lets do it again.
Being an adult or a child has nothing to do with it.
The one who has captured my heart is you, Youji.
I want to.
Full of energy aren't you.
You're that kind of existance to me.

Can I . . . . put it in?
This time I would like to give.
no matter how many
the seasons pass
It's okay, come here.
as it is, melt
always...

3年クラス編成
3-A 3-B 3-C
Com-
pletely.
We've become like an un-separable couple.
3 year class B nr 19
3 year class B nr 18
So. is everything going smoothly?
Better than smooth.
I'm very happy.

shut it.
what's with the attitude
like an idot
Yeah, yeah. Mr examanee, come back to reality, good luck with your grades.
BOOKS
And what's more we'll have two mock-exams before that.
The midterms are coming up soon.
Well, he is right
recom-mended
eh?
It won't be impossible as long as I don't cut any corners
If you've decided to do it, then it's just to do it.

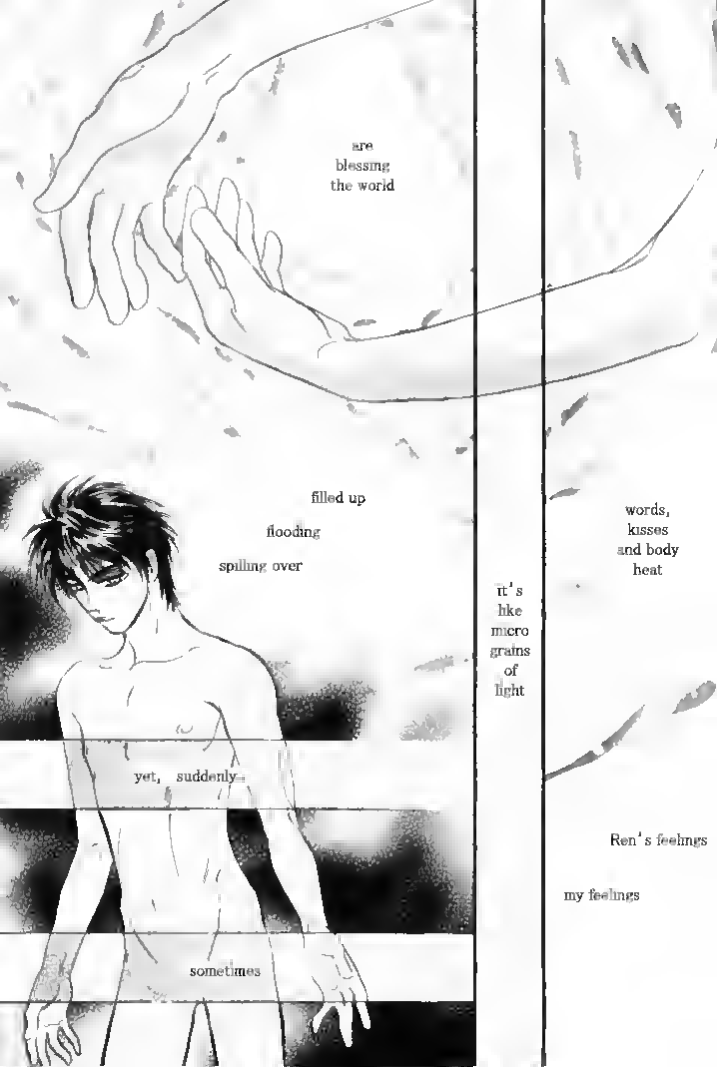
this ...
this is!!!
Ren!!
ah, it's already out in the book stores.
eh?
I didn't tell you?
Why haven't you said anything?
That is so mean !
eh?
eeeeh?!

Rena Misaki doesn't exist anymore.
I won't return to write under that name.
I have no reason to.
The name ...
it's not under Rena Misaki.
Why a sequel ?
Won't you be found out?
I am not a different person
nor the same as Rena Misaki.
So I needed to restart

writing Dream child as Ren Akishima.
夢の子供
After that it's up to the reader.
fuaa
ばたり...
As I thought it's great.

Yeah
Ren...
I love you.
... okay
rattle
rattle
I really love you
rattle
rattle
ah
ratt
I love you,
I love you,
I love you
whether you're human
or a writer.
it doesn't matter...
beautiful
strong
flexible

Youji, I forgot some-thing
カラッ
bmf
what?
You're disturbing me!
ペシッ
we'll continue later
hehe ...
I am really happy.
My whole body is filled with warmth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and body
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like
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light
yet, suddenly...
Ren's feelings
my feelings
sometimes

something
it's something .
What?
You should have a happy face.
The term is over, it's summer break.
Are you bored?
Did you have a fight? not seeing each other?
Come on tell me, I want to know.
O Mr. Misery, I am plenty happy. My heart is full.
I have no complaints.

it is like a missing feeling.
it's something lacking inside of me.
yet, it's like I've forgotten something, and I want to remember that something

what I was talking about.
I get plentiful, but that wasn't
Isn't it that you're not being satisfied,
and getting more and more frustrated?

It's not worry or unsatisfaction.
excuse me..
See ya.
you over happy, worrisome person.
Well then,

The wind feels good.
I would like to walk together like this forever.
What is it?
Hurry Youji.
wait ...
Ren
eh?

Please slow down
Even if I am walking
walking
walking
Is that child abandoned?
He's crying.
that child ?
a a a
Let's go together.
come ...
don't stay here crying.

I can't
I can't go
'cause mom is...
huh ...

I see
Ren, I'll be going to Iwate for a while.
If I get rejected by mom and come back crying, will you comfort me?
don't worry, go now.

Here?
Yeah, this is the address, this should be the place
There is a door-plate. It's the first time I'm here. I'm not sure
ピンポーン
ピンポーン
ピンポーン

The beach ...?
Try the beach.
The Takanashi's are on a walk.
Are you the son from Tokyo?
eh
ah
Yeah

Where is mom?
If you had called I would have come to the station.
You came.
Youji!
It's a good place.
are big brother and I alike?
Dad,
I'll go to her.
No, it's okay ..
should I call her over?
over there

Youichi was a cautious boy, more silent.
You're fearless and mischievous,
which worries me and your mom.
what about our personalities?
Well it's 'cause you're brothers, so you look alike.
You are not alike at all.
Thank you dad.
Can you keep an eye on my bag for a while?
ひゃ!

I am your son.
Who are you?
You... chan?
You-chan ..
aah, that's right you're You-chan

I remember this hand.
... growing up, I really loved this person.
I'm sorry.
Can you forgive me?
I'm sorry, Youji.
This much ...
You've become so big.
Mom...

I'll al-ways ...
went bad for a while.
I haven't forgotten this love, even-though it
I wanted to meet you mom.

I will always forgive her.
I have a lot to ask you about.
Me too dad.

The three of us have a lot to talk about.
Youji, let's go back.

Yeah ...

Yeah, maybe it's like that.
Wait, in that case you...
Youji hasn't contacted you for over a month? The summer break is over.
Maybe he hasn't called 'cause of such a thing as his parents asking him to move in with them again.
if it is so, that Youji won't return.
I won't break,
I'm okay, it's different from the time with Hirose.
Never!
Is that what you're saying?
In other words... you're prepared to let him go.

If it comes to Youji not returning,
I will pursue him.
Even if it is disgraceful and childish, I would fight to get him back.
I won't give up without doing anything.
That's good,
but what if...
Sorry, I'm hanging up.
eh?
ah
wait!

Youji
...

I'm sorry, that I was away such a long time.

Welcome home.

——夢の子供／END——

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